



ATTACHMENT A

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) An isolated antibody that binds to ~~which is capable of binding to~~ the specific M31 subregion of the collagen binding domain having the sequence of amino acids 61-343 of the full length collagen binding protein of *Staphylococcus aureus*, wherein said antibody prevents *S. aureus* infection.

2. (Original) An antibody according to claim 1, wherein said antibody prevents *S. aureus* infection in a human.

3. (Original) An antibody according to claim 1, wherein said antibody is suitable for parenteral, oral, intranasal, subcutaneous, or intravenous administration to an animal.

4. (Original) An antibody according to Claim 1 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

5. (Original) An antibody according to Claim 1 wherein the antibody is a polyclonal antibody.

6. (Original) An isolated antisera containing an antibody according to Claim 1.

7. (Previously presented) An isolated antibody according to Claim 1 wherein the M31 subregion is encoded by a nucleic acid having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

8. (Original) An isolated antisera containing an antibody according to Claim 7.

9. (Currently amended) An isolated antibody that binds to~~which is capable of binding to~~ the specific M31 subregion of the collagen binding domain having the sequence of amino acids 61-343 of the full length collagen binding protein of *Staphylococcus aureus*, wherein said antibody treats *S. aureus* infection when said antibody is administered to an infected animal.

10. (Original) An antibody according to claim 9, wherein said antibody prevents *S. aureus* infection in a human.

11. (Original) An antibody according to claim 9, wherein said antibody is suitable for parenteral, oral, intranasal, subcutaneous, or intravenous administration to an animal.

12. (Original) An antibody according to Claim 9 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

13. (Original) An antibody according to Claim 9 wherein the antibody is a polyclonal antibody.

14. (Original) An isolated antisera containing an antibody according to Claim 9.

15. (Previously presented) An isolated antibody according to Claim 9 wherein the M31 subregion is encoded by a nucleic acid having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

16. (Original) An isolated antisera containing an antibody according to Claim 15.